

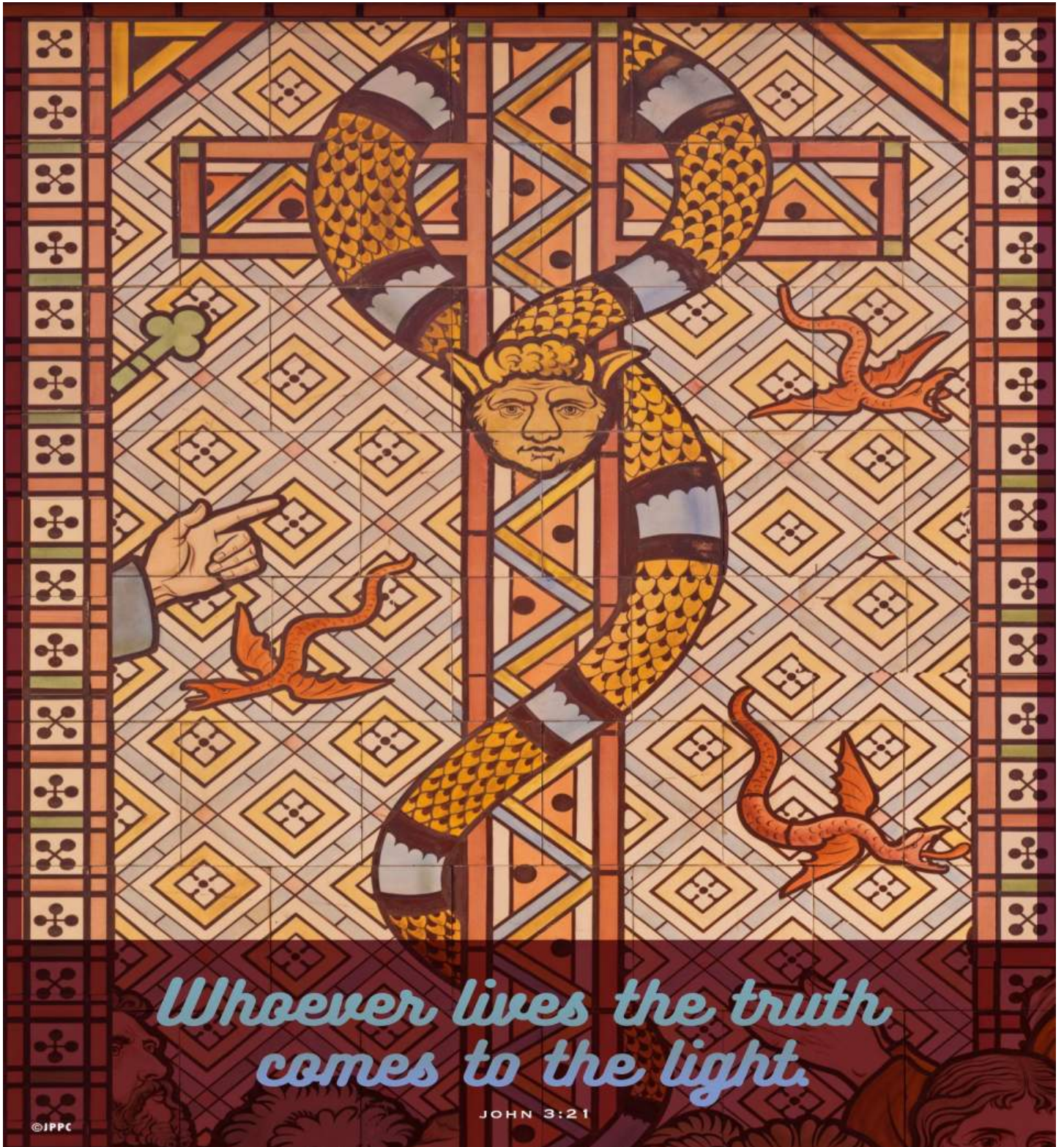
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MARCH 10, 2024

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*



*Whoever lives the truth  
comes to the light.*

JOHN 3:21

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**“God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son.”**

There is nothing like a good contest and fierce competition. Sports fans, especially this time of year, are on the edge of their seats as they prepare for the Phillies home opener, the NCAA March Madness, and so on. The gospel today reminds us of the greatest competition - a bloody fight between the forces of good and evil. It was the greatest contest in the history of the world because “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.”

Jesus Christ was sent on a rescue mission. Lifted high on the Cross, He overcame the power of evil and the many ways it intertwines with our lives; all those unmanageable forces that affect us. The darkness of our sins, jealousies, addictions, hopelessness...these forces nailed Christ to the Cross. His wounds healed our wounds in Resurrection.

Today at the Eucharist, the wounded and risen Christ comes to lift us up again. He is here to lift us up and out of all that is dark in our life. In nature, the light of the day is ever-increasing dispelling the darkness of winter. May we welcome the true light, the light of Christ, that dispels even the darkness of death. In another week, we will pause to remember two great saints - Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick. They witnessed to life's greatest truths, that real love is measured by what we re prepared to sacrifice. May we, like them, become God's handiwork - called to live a life of good deeds which Christ has prepared for us in advance.



Happy Lent,  
Father Murray



**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00pm ~ Anthony Tucci

8:30am ~ Timothy Merlini & Family

10:30am ~ Maryann Kasperski

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

8:00am ~ Joan Marie Alber

**\*\*\* Adoration in Church 8:30am to 4pm**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

8:00am ~ Delia and Joseph King

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

8:00am ~ Joe Hartey

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

8:00am ~ Marie and James Wise

**2:15pm ~ Stations of the Cross**

**7:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross**

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

8:00am ~ William Cooper

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

5:00pm ~ Kathleen DeMarco

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:30am ~ William Morley

10:30am ~ John J. Dugan

*It only takes one smile to offer welcome...  
And blessed be the person who will share it.*

*It only takes one moment to be helpful...  
And blessed be the person who will spare it.*

*It only takes one joy to lift a spirit...  
And blessed be the person who will give it.*

*It only takes one life to make a difference...  
And blessed be the person who will live it.*



**UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



This coming June, we will complete our two-year Capital Campaign. As previously noted, our original goal was \$350,000. The generosity of our parishioners has been overwhelming. Currently a total of \$427,176.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$347,948. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 168 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed, and all bills are now paid, thanks to you! I hope you enjoyed our new air conditioning system in the Church in summer. Our children and teachers were kept cool with our brand new school air conditioning system. Our new lighting in the parking lot and the new beautiful side Church doors have been a most welcome addition as well. So, as we are in the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your kind generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! God's grace and peace.



**SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS THIRD WEEK OF LENT:**

*Sunday ~ Laetare Sunday ~ rejoice...have some holy fun after Mass today*

*Monday ~ this whole week, give up recreational screen time after 9pm and give that time to God*

*Tuesday ~ renew your commitment to your Lenten promises*

*Wednesday ~ do a thorough Examination of Conscience, and then plan to go to Confession soon to be freed of your sins and experience God's mercy*

*Thursday ~ today, choose kindness, and resolve to smile at everyone you meet*

*Friday ~ make an additional, small sacrifice of your choosing and pray for the unborn children and their mothers*

*Saturday ~ give others the gift of your presence; ask about their work, interest, family, etc. and listen attentively*

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to several thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The beneficiaries of this Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Local Mission Activities
- Clergy
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life

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**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17**



**AFTER 8:30am AND THE 10:30am MASSES**

All are welcome and encouraged to stop in the Parish Center on Sunday, March 17 to have a drink and a snack after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses! Please join us!



In this year of reviving our devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging everyone to return to Mass, we will offer weekly meditations, reflections, and poetry from various saints and authors on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Excerpts are taken from the book *The Holy Hour*, a Word on Fire publication.

**Reflection from St. Augustine:**

*"You ought to know what you have received, what you are going to receive, and what you ought to receive daily. That bread which you see on the altar, consecrated by the word of God, is the Body of Christ."*

## LENTEN CALENDAR

### Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday at 8am,  
followed by the Rosary  
Adoration every Monday 8:30am to 4pm

### Confessions

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45pm  
Sundays during Lent after 10:30am Mass  
Monday Evening, March 25 at 7:00pm

### Stations of the Cross During Lent

Thursday afternoons at 2:15pm  
Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm

### Lenten Scripture Series ~

2 choices ~ The Bible and the Virgin Mary  
or Around the Lenten Circle

### Taize Prayer

THIS Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30pm  
(by Director Justin Jue & St. Hilary Choir)

## SHS LION PRIDE 5K RUN & 1 MILE WALK

Sunday, April 7 at 1:00pm at SHS

Sign up & get more info w/ the QR code, or the link:



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Adult run/walk: \$25/\$20

Youth (14 & under) run/walk: \$15/\$10

Come out with the family to enjoy music, snacks, games, and to cheer on our runners/walkers! Shirts can be purchased separately on the registration site. If you, someone you know, or your business would like to sponsor this event, please contact Brigid Smith at [brigid.dowling23@gmail.com](mailto:brigid.dowling23@gmail.com) for more details. This event kicks off with a runner's Mass on Sat., April 6 at 5pm (shirts distributed at the Parish Center after mass).

We can't wait to share this special day with you!

## ST. HILARY CYO FUNDRAISER FIRST ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT

Featuring Wayne Cotter, Theresa Hummel-Krallinger and Norm Klar

**Friday, March 15;** \$35pp

St. James Parish Social Hall, Elkins Park

Doors open 6pm; show starts at 7pm

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## MEN'S RETREAT

Our Men's Retreat was very successful! We had 26 participants who spent this past Saturday reflecting, praying and praising the Lord. The Lenten Retreat was directed by Father Dennis O'Donnell who, as always, had inspirational stories and insights to the faith. Many thanks to him and to all our men who took part in this Lenten Retreat!



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 3, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,238

Electronic Giving: \$3,334

**Total: \$8,572**

March 4, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$8,189

Electronic Giving: \$3,768

**Total: \$11,957**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL  
AND PREP CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE  
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ON FEB. 29, 2024:**

Sophia *Catherine* Carroll  
Kennedy *Clare* Cohen  
Richard *Augustine* Costello  
Megan *Catherine* Courtney  
Emily *Bridget* Ditri  
Tessa *Elizabeth* Donaghy  
Mary *Bernadette* Dugan  
Stephanie *Therese* Forkin  
Abigail *Stella* Frizzle  
John *Anthony* Fuller  
Braden *Joseph* Gallagher  
Owen *Anthony* Ginsberg  
Edward *Joseph* Kane  
Brady *John* Knowles  
Thomas *Anthony* Labrusciano  
Griffin *George* Levy  
Maeve *Rose* Lyons  
Kaylanna *Therese* Mac  
Gianna *Camilla* Maher  
Nolan *Christopher* McIntosh  
Mackenzie *Therese* McVey  
Lacey *Ann* Mehler  
Rosalie *Hildegard* Milano  
Brenna *Rose* Miller  
Leia *Gertrude* Montana  
William *Joseph* Nardone  
Gabriel *Michael* Palamara  
Olivia *Sophia* Palamara  
Emilee Grace *Katherine* Rathgeb  
Chase *Michael* Reed  
Brynn Marie *Therese* Roman  
Cole *Anthony* Ross  
Jolie *Dymphna* Scamby  
Sofia Ann *Cecilia* Shaughnessy  
Jack *Xavier* Tuttle  
Brynn *Therese* Wybranski  
Caroline *Colette* Yaegel



**AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS**

Fearing the battle was over  
And I'd already lost the war,  
I was tired of trying and failing,  
I just couldn't fight anymore.

So, dragging my battle-scarred body,  
I crawled to the foot of the cross.  
And I sobbed, "Oh please, Father, forgive me.  
But I tried...I tried...and still lost."

Then the air grew silent around me.  
I heard His voice just as clear as the dawn.  
"Oh, My child, though you're tired and weary,  
You can't stop; you have to go on."

At the foot of the Cross, where I met Him,  
At the foot of the Cross, where He died,  
I felt love, as I knelt in His presence.  
I felt hope, as I looked in His eyes.

Then He gathered me lovingly to Him,  
As around us God's light clearly shone.  
And together we walked through my lifetime,  
To heal every wound I had known.

I found bits of my dreams, long forgotten,  
And pieces of my life on the floor.  
But I watched as He tenderly blessed them,  
And my life was worth living once more.

I knew then why I had been losing.  
I knew why I had not grown.  
At the foot of the Cross came the answer:  
I'd been fighting the battle alone.

At the foot of the Cross, where I met Him,  
At the foot of the Cross, where He died,  
Then I knew I could face any challenge.  
Together...just my Lord and I.



## ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting is **Wed., March 20** at which time **William Monaghan** will once again lead us in Irish songs and the telling of stories of Irish lore. Join us as we continue the celebration of **St. Patrick** and wear your green. New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on March 20; doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am.

*A Pepsi costs \$1.50 in a vending machine, \$3.00 in a grocery store, and \$5.00 in a theme park. The only thing that changed is its location. The next time you feel like you don't have any worth, consider that maybe it's not you. Maybe it's your location. Finding the place that God intends for you to be...will change everything.*

*(Borrowed)*

Stations of the Cross at Medical Mission Sisters at 8400 Pine Road is on Friday, March 29th at 12pm - visit the Memorial to the Loss on the grounds (representing those who lost their lives to gun violence in Philadelphia in 2023). For info, please call Sister Vera at 215-742-6100. All are welcome.

### PRAYER LINE

Help is needed for our Parish Prayer Line. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Line and be contacted to pray for the sick and infirmed, please join by calling Virginia at 215-663-1418.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonia, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Lionel Melly Wright, Cole Plachter, Mary Jo Reaby, Kevin Rosenbaum, Capt. Schaffr, Dan Webb, Rhodena Thompson, Bruce Thompson II, Linda Urie, Sonna Alamar, Sharon Fainelli, Donald Budrejko, Maura Murphy, Gregory Marrone, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly, Gloria Merron

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:  
Susan Fredericks-Kots*

## ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm  
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,  
(new schedule started in January 2024))

### WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

\*\*\* Confessions on the Sundays in Lent after the 10:30am Mass

### HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil; 8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

**Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray**

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**Parish Secretary ~ Marian Stengel 215-884-3252**

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**BAPTISM:** Sundays after the 10:30am Mass. Please email or call the Rectory for more information.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples planning to marry should contact the Rectory six months before the desired date.

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm; Fridays 8:30am to 12pm  
Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

*Please note that church envelopes, as well as Tuition payments and other school payments, can be dropped off in the secure BLACK lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!*

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of pregnancy loss, whether thru abortion or miscarriage.

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**April 12-14, 2024**

**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown**

**To register or for more info, call Evelyn at 215-317-5752**

***FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE...you are encouraged to join pro-lifers across Bucks County as we help to end the injustice of abortion through constant prayer, fasting, vigil, and community outreach. St. Hilary's has committed to cover Thursday, March 21 at the Warminster Planned Parenthood from 7am-7pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby. Any questions, please call Annmarie Dugan at 267-253-1693. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.***

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